

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to promote the European and exotic varieties of vegetables in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds to be provided by the Government in this regard, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The Government of India is implementing a centrally sponsored scheme on 'Macro- Management of Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of States' Efforts' through WorkPlans. Under the scheme States have greater flexibility to pursue various Agricultural development programmes as per their prioritized needs. The States may promote growing of European and exotic varieties of vegetables under the scheme. The scheme provides for improving the production and productivity of vegetables, increase the availability of quality seeds of high yielding cultivars and to disseminate production & post harvest technologies to farmers through participatory demonstrations and trainings.

Besides, National Horticulture Board under its scheme on 'Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest management' provide assistance in the form of back ended capital investment subsidy @ 20% of total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs.25.00 lakhs for growing of vegetables including European vegetables. This is project based scheme under which farmers/entrepreneurs/States may avail assistance for growing European & exotic vegetables.